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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SAUNDERS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, IS, US, EG

SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION SOUGHT FROM SADAT

REF: TEL AVIV 6269

1. SAM RAISES VALID POINT PARA. 5 REFTTEL THAT IN FORTH-  
COMING APPROACH TO DAYAN WE DO NOT WANT TO UNDERTAKE TO  
TRY TO DELIVER SOMETHING FROM SADAT THAT MAY NOW HAVE  
BECOME IMPOSSIBLE BY VIRTUE OF COMMITMENT SADAT HAS MADE  
TO NUMAIRI. WE ASSUME SADAT'S UNDERTAKING WAS CONDITIONAL  
ON NUMAIRI'S ABILITY TO DELIVER SYRIANS AND OTHERS ON  
PROPOSITION THIS CONCESSION WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO ENABLE  
THEM TO SIT DOWN WITH SADAT AT SUMMIT, AND IN SPITE OF

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KAMEL'S OPTIMISM, OTHER REPORTS SUGGEST OUTLOOK IS NOT  
BRIGHT FOR SUCCESS OF NUMAIRI'S EFFORTS. IN ANY CASE,  
WE NEED SOMETHING MORE THAN SPECULATION ON THIS POINT AND  
HOPE YOUR MEETING WEDNESDAY WITH SADAT WILL GIVE YOU AN  
OPPORTUNITY TO CLARIFY THIS POINT IN COURSE OF CARRYING  
OUT INSTRUCTIONS STATE 122733.

2. IN RAISING THIS POINT WITH SADAT YOU SHOULD SAY, FIRST, THAT WHILE YOU ARE SURE DAYAN WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER KAMEL AT ANY TIME, KIND OF DISCUSSION

DAYAN HAS IN MIND COULD ONLY PROFITABLY BE CONDUCTED WITH SADAT HIMSELF. SECOND, WE BELIEVE THAT IN PROPER CONTEXT MEETING BETWEEN SADAT AND DAYAN COULD BE GENUINELY USEFUL. DAYAN REMAINS MOST CREATIVE THINKER ON ISRAELI SIDE AS WELL AS HAVING DEEP PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO SEEING NEGOTIATIONS WITH EGYPT SUCCEED. MOREOVER, AS SADAT KNOWS, ONE OF MOST EFFECTIVE ARGUMENTS WE USED WITH SENATORS TO WIN SUPPORT FOR ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION ON AIRCRAFT SALES WAS TO SAY THAT ALLOWING THESE CONTRACTS TO GO THROUGH WOULD ENHANCE PROSPECT FOR NEGOTIATIONS. CREDIBILITY OF ADMINISTRATION SPOKESMEN IS THUS SOMEWHAT ON THE LINE IF WE PROVE UNABLE TO SHOW THAT SOMETHING NEW IS HAPPENING ON THE NEGOTIATING TRACK. WERE SADAT TO DECLINE TO SEE DAYAN IN CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH ISRAELIS WERE MAKING CASE THEY WISHED TO DISCUSS NEW APPROACH, IT COULD BE EXPLOITED BY ISRAELI HARDLINERS AND COULD ALSO BE MISUNDERSTOOD BY U.S. OPINION.

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